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The Permanent Mission of the Republic of Armenia to the United Nations presents its compliments to the Chair of the Security Council Committee established pursuant to resolution 1540 (2004) and has the honour to transmit the report of the Republic of Armenia on the implementation of resolution 1540 (2004) (see annex).

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Annex to the note verbale dated 22 August 2016 from the Permanent Mission of Armenia to the United Nations addressed to the Chair of the Committee

Report of Armenia on the implementation of Security Council resolution 1540 (2004)

1. As a strong supporter of non-proliferation policies, Armenia remains committed to the full and universal implementation of resolution 1540 (2004). There is no doubt that the national implementation mechanisms are the cornerstone in this architecture. It is a long-term objective and requires continuous interaction and strong cooperation between all stakeholders.

2. Since the adoption of the National Action Plan for 2015-2020 (5 February 2015) the Government of Armenia has taken a number of steps for the implementation of the provisions of the resolution, in particular:

- In line with the harmonization of Armenia's legislation with the new safety standards of the International Atomic Energy Agency, the amendments to Government decree No. 1790-N of 9 December 2004 on the approval of the licensing procedure, licence and application form for import and export of radioactive materials, devices containing radioactive materials were adopted on 17 December 2015 (Road Map, Export Control Area, Planned Measure 1);
- In the chemical and biological fields, the following legislative documents were adopted by the Government on 18 August 2015: the decree on approval of procedure for rescue activities in areas of chemical pollution and the decree on approval of procedure of rescue activities in centres of biological pollution (Road Map, Chemical Field, Biological Field, Planned Measure 2/Chem./ and Planned Measure 2/Biol./);
- For the sake of ensuring the security of radioactive materials and the effective implementation of the end-users site security plan, the amendments to Government decree No. 1231-N of 11 September 2003 on the approval of the concept of physical protection and security of Armenian NPP and nuclear materials and the rules on physical protection of nuclear installations and nuclear materials are in the process of development (Road Map, Export Control Area, Planned Measure 3);
- Pursuant to annex 2 to the Decree No. 30 of the Eurasian Economic Commission Board dated 21 April 2015, the list of items subject to restrictions on trade with third countries is defined. According to point 2.16, the import into the customs territory of the Eurasian Economic Union of radio electronic and/or high frequency devices for civil use, including built-in or otherwise entering into the composition of other kind of products, is limited. The regulations on the mentioned products are set by Government decree No. 2228-N of 15 December 2005. Additionally, in foreign trade with third countries, the regulatory restrictions on goods and products subject to the licensing process is regulated by Government decree No. 1524-N of 25 December 2015;

- The Government decree on approval of the physical protection rules for radioactive materials and devices containing radioactive materials was adopted on 14 January 2016 (Road Map, Export Control Area, Planned Measure 4);
- Measure 6 (establishment of the tracker 8 electronic system) of the improvement of the national system on export control and the road map on collection of materials, maintenance and control of the means used to create nuclear, chemical and biological weapons suggested in the annex to Government decree 95 A, National Action Plan for 2015-2020;
- The amendment to Government decree No. 143-N of 17 February 2011 on establishment of the centre of humanitarian demining and expertise State non-profit organization and approval of its charter was adopted on 21 May 2015 (Road Map, Export Control Area, Planned Measure 9).